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General

Last week, high temperatures in Arkansas ranged from 73 to 83 degrees Fahrenheit while low temperatures ranged from 28 to 39 degrees Fahrenheit. There were 4.0 days suitable for field work as rainfall totals for the week ranged from 0.22 inches in Fayetteville to 3.87 inches in Conway. State average soil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 14 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus.

Crops

Last week, Arkansas producers on average had 4.0 days suitable for field work due to rainfall throughout the state. The wet fields slowed producers' ability to plant winter wheat, and harvest cotton, rice and soybeans. The cloudy days and rainfall also contributed to the slowed opening of cotton bolls. Despite the weather conditions, producers were able to maintain the pace of the previous week and remain ahead of the five year averages for soybeans harvested and winter wheat planted. Winter wheat emergence was well ahead of last year and the five year average, while rice harvest was nearing completion.

Livestock

Livestock remained in good condition. Producers continued baling hay and seeding fall forage crops as weather permitted, along with selling fall calves and working cattle.

Percent of Progress

	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2005	5 Year Avg
Cotton	Harvested	72	70	94	73
Rice	Harvested	99	98	99	99
Soybeans	Shedding	99	98	98	95
	Matured	97	92	94	71
Winter Wheat	Harvested	81	76	86	69
	Planted	64	54	71	48
	Emerged	45	29	35	28

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	1	33	56	10
Pasture & Range	17	23	36	20	4

